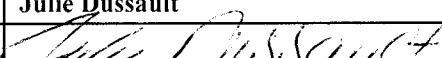


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action mailed on May 24, 2007 and a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the remarks therein.